Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Only minor appointments, the pay of which is below Rs. 150, are given to Cochinites or even to Kerala people. All the other higher appointments are given to these Ayyangars. It is to bring this fact to the notice of the Government that I put this question.

SPECIAL PERMITS FOR BUSES—FESTIVALS—GRANT OF

12. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Police Authorities have been refusing permission to run buses recently, on festival and Pooram days, without restriction of time; Do the Government know that it is the practice to grant special permits for plying buses at least for some years past without any restriction of time on such occasions?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Yes; special permits have been refused to buses in connection with the Trichur Pooram and Alwaye Sivarathri from 1114 onwards on certain routes which are parallel and competitive to the State Railway.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* There is no answer to the latter part of my question.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* It was stopped only in 1114.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know why it was stopped?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* The main reason was that we had incurred heavy capital expenditure in connection with the Railway, and it was on that account considered that there was sufficient justification to refuse licenses for buses by allowing special permits.

Mr. President: The railway authorities run special trains on such occasions.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether there are not very many places where the distance to the railway station would be fairly long for the passengers who are living on the side of the road to go to Trichur or Alwaye in buses?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* The places from where buses run parallel to the railway alone were taken into consideration.

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Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know the various lines that have been refused permissions on these two occasions ?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police):* Lines parallel to the Railway line.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Were special permits refused in the Kunnamkulam-Trichur line.

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police):* No.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be getting some additional revenue from these bus owners ?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police):* No.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Cannot the Government ask the railway authorities to reduce the railway fare, so that they can compete with the bus service ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* That question does not arise from this.

PORAMBOKE TANKS—SILT—REMOVAL OF

13. Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon *(Narakkal):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether it is not a fact that most of the tanks in or near paddy fields are silted up considerably;

(*b*) whether, if any private party removes silt from any such *poramboke* tank, action will be taken against such party for encroachment;

(*c*) if the existing regulations will enable a village officer to take such action, will the Government be pleased to amend the same so as to enable the public to remove silt from such tanks without committing an offence;

(*d*) if so, will the Government be also pleased to give wide publicity to the same, so that the general public may understand that it is not an offence to remove silt from *poramboke* tanks ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) Yes; many of the tanks are silted up considerably.

(*b*) Yes; if the silt is removed without previous sanction.

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